

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 339, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action:*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S15881–S16080*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1951–1979, S.J. Res. 26, S. Res. 275–278, and S. Con. Res. 86.

**Pages S15975–76**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Report to accompany S. 1567, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 108–211)

S. 1267, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide the District of Columbia with autonomy over its budgets, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–212)

S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–213)

H.R. 1416, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–214)

S. 1978, to authorize funds for highway safety programs, motor carrier safety programs, hazardous materials transportation safety program, boating safety programs. (S. Rept. No. 108–215)

S. 1172, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1545, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation

of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1612, to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer within the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Craig (for Frist) Amendment No. 2217, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

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**One Hundred Eighth Congress 2nd Session Convening Date:** Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 80, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Condemning Turkey Terrorist Attacks:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 273, condemning the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey, on November 15 and 20, 2003, expressing condolences to the families of the individuals murdered in the attacks, expressing sympathies to the individuals injured in the attacks, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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## Chamber Action

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 3:23 p.m. **Page H12317**

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

### OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District, for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices, for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies, and for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies, and making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

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No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9:30 a.m., Monday, December 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate may consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Omnibus Appropriations Act; and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

### OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District, for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices, for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies, and for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies, and making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9:30 a.m., Monday, December 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate may consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Omnibus Appropriations Act; and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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